



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Somers

Members Present: Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Flax

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mr. Winrock.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2012-0143 Proclamation Recognizing Ryan Hall Newsome

Read

The proclamation was read by Councilor Streeter.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2012-0195 Public Hearing on an Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts

Heard at Public Hearing

Mayor Somers called a recess for the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

The Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to a resolution passed by the Town Council was read by Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

There being no further comments, Mayor Somers closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Cathy Quay, 2 Dover Court, Mystic, stated that the Mystic Streetscape Project has been painful for residents and merchants. She hopes that the parking lease on tonight's agenda moves forward.

Trisha Cunningham, 70 Miller Road, North Stonington, spoke on behalf of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce. She stated that leasing the parking lot shows Town support for local merchants. Ms. Cunningham is concerned that there will be no parking at all on Main Street while the road is being milled. She noted that the downtown business owners attending tonight's meeting are also in favor of the Town leasing the Mystic Arts Center parking lot.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

The Town Manager stated that if the resolution regarding a Mystic Arts Center parking lot lease is adopted, the Council will make a determination after three or four weeks whether to extend the lease. Milling of the road will be done on June 21 and paving on June 27. Every effort will be made to have adequate signage to alert patrons to the fact that there is free parking available.

Councilor Peruzzotti suggested utilizing social media (i.e., Facebook, etc.) to make citizens aware of the free parking.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2012-0194 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 5, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2012-0166 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

City of Groton - \$41.66 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Bobby Allison - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Mary Atha - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$8.26 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Edward Card - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Kay Chester - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Richard Davies - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Peter and Ana Dikan - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Martha Dow - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

P. Golden - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Charles and Rosemary Hall - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

William Hossack - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Bonnie Laganga - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Michael and Pamela Maffia - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Gail Narita - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Rose O'Brien - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Lynn Rogers - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Colleen Shay - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Mona Szegda - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Michael C. Mondello - \$2,000 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

William L Grundy dba Legs Landscaping - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Somers highlighted a contribution from Michael C. Mondello for \$2,000.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2011-0231 Town Council Orientation

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0009 FYE 2013 Budget

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0034 FYE 2013 Budget Requests - City of Groton

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0035 FYE 2013 Budget Requests - Groton Long Point

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

- 2012-0079 **October 2011 Revaluation - Update**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2012-0099 **FYE 2013 Proposed Budget Deliberations**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2011-0218 **Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2012-0040 **Town Council Goal Setting**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2012-0176 **Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments - TVCCA Board of Trustees**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2012-0179 **Appointment of Michael Doyle to Permanent School Building Committee**
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- 2012-0180 **Reappointment of A. Neil Brown Jr. to Shellfish Commission**
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- 2012-0181 **Reappointment of Patricia Semancik to Parks and Recreation Commission**
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Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Antipas, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 7 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Councilor Schmidt

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**a. Town Councilors**

Councilors received emails regarding the Mystic Streetscape Project, alcohol on Town property, traffic dangers in pedestrian crosswalks, and the reuse of Noank School.

Councilor Peruzzotti and Mayor Somers attended a meeting with Mystic merchants.

Councilor O'Beirne and Mayor Somers attended a community meeting regarding the Historic District Commission.

Councilor Watson and Councilor Streeter attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Ryan Newsome.

Councilor Johnson attended Economic Development Commission meetings and a business development event where he viewed incubator space at Avery Point.

Mayor Somers asked councilors to volunteer for the Opsail 2012 barbecue for military personnel on July 8, 2012. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Bailey Insurance on June 25, 2012. The Mayor attended a meeting with the Board of Education Chairman and the Superintendent.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

The next regular RTM meeting will be held on July 11, 2012.

c. Clerk of the Council

The Town Clerk reminded citizens to register their dogs this month to avoid any late fees. She noted that the Town Council meeting scheduled for July 3, 2012, has been cancelled, the Senate primary will be held on August 14, 2012, and shellfish beds will be seeded on June 23, 2012.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager noted that the Eastern Connecticut Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Consortium will hold public workshops, the closest being in Norwich on June 21, 2012.

e. Town Attorney

No report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt**

No meeting, no report.

b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson

No meeting, no report.

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson

No meeting, no report.

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti

No meeting, no report.

e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne

No meeting, no report.

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

Councilor Peruzzotti gave a brief summary of the meeting held on June 12, 2012.

g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter

No meeting, no report.

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas

No meeting, no report.

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers

Mayor Somers noted that the Committee of the Whole discussed the Mystic Streetscape Project, a road maintenance and rehabilitation bonding ordinance, leasing of the Mystic Arts Center parking lot, and board and committee appointments/reappointments.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Johnson distributed information to Councilors regarding estimated interest payments for road maintenance bonding.

X. NEW BUSINESS

2012-0199 Mystic Arts Center Parking Lot Lease

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MYSTIC ARTS CENTER FOR PARKING

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered leasing the Mystic Arts Center parking lot to make available "free parking" in downtown Mystic for a period of time to help alleviate parking difficulties and address merchants' concerns associated with the Mystic Streetscape Project, and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Arts Center has indicated that the gate revenues for the parking lot for the same time period last year were \$7,954.00 per week, and

WHEREAS, the Town would like to provide up to five hours of free parking with the first half hour paid by the Mystic Arts Center and four and a half hours paid by the Town beginning on or about Saturday, June 23, 2012 and continuing for approximately six weeks, and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Arts Center has indicated that periodic updates on parking charges can be provided for Council consideration, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to negotiate and to enter into an agreement with the Mystic Arts Center for parking, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Town Manager to make available not more than \$50,000 of encumbered funds from the Executive Management (1010) account for this purpose.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 7 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Councilor O'Beirne, Jr.

Councilor Schmidt left the meeting at this time.

Members Present: Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Flax and Councilor Schmidt

2011-0218 Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update

AGREEMENT REGARDING FITCH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton ("Town"), the Groton Board of Education ("BOE") and the Bristol Collegiate Baseball Club, Inc., ("Corporation") entered into an Agreement in 2011 which, in part, addressed improvements to the Fitch High School Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, a dispute arose between the parties regarding unpaid invoices associated with the improvements and the Corporation's responsibility for same, and

WHEREAS, an amended Agreement has been prepared in the interest of resolving outstanding issues and allowing the Corporation to continue utilizing Fitch for the purposes defined in the original agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign, and to make minor revisions to, the amended agreement regarding the Fitch High School Baseball Field, subject to review and approval of the amended agreement by the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Antipas, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0040

Town Council Goal Setting

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TWENTY-EIGHTH GROTON TOWN COUNCIL GOALS

RESOLVED, that the 28th Groton Town Council adopts the following goals for 2012-2013:

State

Strongly advocate both independently and through a regional approach to the State Legislature and Officials by calling them to the Council quarterly to address and correct the unfunded mandates that are unfairly pushed onto local municipalities at great economic cost and undue burden. Work to actively promote local fiscally responsible governments to gain the authority to levy their own fees and taxes.

"It is fundamentally inappropriate and inequitable to force towns and cities to assume all or most of the costs of policies the State has decided to implement - and thus pass these costs onto local property taxpayers." CCM

Economic Development

Work to develop policies and the climate for diversification of development that is suitable for the Town of Groton focusing on the ability to increase the Grand List which ultimately will help the overall well-being of the Town's residents.

Revise and update the incentive programs offered by the Town.

Provide a framework and direction to the Economic Development Commission.

Establish a Revenue Generation Task Force.

Environment

Work to educate citizens and elected officials on the benefits of a full time grant writer dedicated to improving energy efficiency throughout the Town.

Work with the Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Committee to develop a plan to target specific

obtainable goals for energy efficiency and create policy in pursuit of those goals.

Develop environmental programs together with the Board of Education to help reduce energy consumption and encourage recycling in our schools.

Infrastructure

Develop a more consistent, viable method to provide safe and well- maintained roads for the Town of Groton and both subdivisions through a Strategic Paving and Maintenance Plan that will be bonded through a referendum on roads.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

A motion to approve Resolutions 2012-0176 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments - TVCCA Board of Trustees and 2012-0179 Appointment of Michael Doyle to Permanent School Building Committee was made by Councilor O'Beirne, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti and so voted unanimously.

2012-0176 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments - TVCCA Board of Trustees

APPOINTMENT OF GAYLE JONES TO THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION (TVCCA) BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLVED, that Gayle Jones, 32 St. Joseph Court, is appointed as the Town of Groton's representative on the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0179 Appointment of Michael Doyle to Permanent School Building Committee

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL DOYLE TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Michael Doyle, 15 Elm Street, is hereby appointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/14.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

A motion to approve Resolutions 2012-0180 Reappointment of A. Neil Brown Jr. to Shellfish Commission, 2012-0181 Reappointment of Patricia Semancik to Parks and Recreation Commission, 2012-0182 Reappointment of Theodore Hespeler to Community Development Advisory Committee, 2012-0183 Reappointment of Lenore White to Library Board, 2012-0184 Reappointment of Joseph Kane to Shellfish Commission, 2012-0185 Reappointment of Carol Pratt to Retirement Board, 2012-0186 Reappointment of Charles Stevens to Board of Assessment Appeals, 2012-0187 Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community Development Advisory Committee, 2012-0188 Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency, and 2012-0189 Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti and so voted unanimously.

2012-0180 Reappointment of A. Neil Brown Jr. to Shellfish Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A. NEIL BROWN, JR. TO THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that A. Neil Brown, Jr., 79 Edgecomb Street, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the

Shellfish Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0181 Reappointment of Patricia Semancik to Parks and Recreation Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PATRICIA SEMANCIK TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Patricia M. Semancik, 93 Hilltop Road, Mystic, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0182 Reappointment of Theodore Hespeler to Community Development Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THEODORE HESPELER TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Theodore Hespeler, 21 Tower Avenue, is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term ending 2/7/15.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0183 Reappointment of Lenore White to Library Board

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LENORE WHITE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Lenore White, 76 Brook Street, is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/14.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0184 Reappointment of Joseph Kane to Shellfish Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH KANE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Joseph D. Kane, 131 Prospect Hill Road, is reappointed as an alternate member to the Shellfish Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0185 Reappointment of Carol Pratt to Retirement Board

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CAROL PRATT TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD

RESOLVED that the Town Council reappoints Carol W. Pratt as a participant member to the Retirement Board for a term ending 12/31/14.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0186 Reappointment of Charles Stevens to Board of Assessment Appeals

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLES STEVENS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT

APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Charles Stevens, 12 Stony Hill Drive, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending 12/31/14.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0187 Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community Development Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DOROTHY EAMES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Dorothy Eames, 83 Pine Island Road, is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term ending 2/7/15.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0188 Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID SCOTT TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that David Scott, 191 Pequot Avenue, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term ending 12/31/12.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0189 Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT ASHWORTH TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Robert L. Ashworth, 39 Whitney Road, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term ending 12/31/12.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

A motion to approve Resolutions 2012-0190 Appointment of Mark Somers as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission, 2012-0191 Appointment of James Kimenker as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission, 2012-0192 Appointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission, and 2012-0193 Appointment of Todd Brady to Historic District Commission was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson and so voted 6 In Favor, 1 Abstain (Somers).

2012-0190 Appointment of Mark Somers as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK J. SOMERS AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Mark J. Somers, 67 Ramsdell Street, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Antipas, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Mayor Somers

2012-0191 Appointment of James Kimenker as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES KIMENKER AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that James Kimenker, 31 Gravel Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/13.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Antipas, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Mayor Somers

2012-0192 Appointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH MORIARTY AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Sarah D. Moriarty, 30 Fishers View Drive, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/15.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Antipas, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Mayor Somers

2012-0193 Appointment of Todd Brady to Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TODD BRADY AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Todd F. Brady, 17 Water Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Antipas, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Mayor Somers

2012-0169 Introduction of an Ordinance for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Not acted upon

2012-0170 Setting Public Hearing Date on an Ordinance for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Not acted upon

2012-0171 Referral of Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project to Planning Commission Under CGS 8-24

Not acted upon

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Suspension of the Rules

A motion to suspend the rules to consider a resolution regarding Crystal Lake Road was made by Councilor Antipas, seconded by Councilor Watson and so voted unanimously.

2012-0132

Crystal Lake Road Operational and Safety Improvements

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has published a legal notice, display ad, mailed a copy of the news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a preliminary notification letter to abutting property and business owners and tenants, announcing a proposed transportation project known as Project No. 58-H001 Operational and Safety Improvements on Crystal Lake Road at Route 12 and Military Highway Intersections and Multi-Use Trail; and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on May 24, 2012 at the Groton Town Hall Annex at 6:00 PM at which residents, along with the abutting property and business owners and tenants, had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period was given from May 24, 2012 to June 8, 2012 which allowed interested parties to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary and final design phase and the construction phase will be funded utilizing 80% Federal funds, 10% State funds, and 10% municipal funds; and

WHEREAS, the total project has been estimated by the State DOT to be \$5,582,100, of which the Town of Groton's 10% funding contribution is equivalent to \$558,210; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments has selected this project as a regional priority and to utilize Federal funds for design and construction activities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the proposed project is in the best interest of the Town of Groton and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Town Council by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton hereby supports the STP Urban Transportation Project No. 58-H001 Operational and Safety Improvements on Crystal Lake Road at Route 12 and Military Highway Intersections and Multi-Use Trail and hereby commits to funding the municipal share.

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Streeter and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant